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For: RENAL NUCLEAR MATRIX PROTEINS,
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on December 1, 1999, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A purified nuclear matrix protein that is present in normal renal cells
but absent in cancerous renal cells, or that is absent in normal renal cells but present in
cancerous renal cells; wherein said nuclear matrix protein is specific to renal cells.

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2. (Amended) A method for detecting a cell proliferative disorder in a subject,
comprising contacting a cellular component from the subject with a reagent which binds to a
cellular component associated with a [cell proliferative disorder] nuclear matrix protein of
claim 1.

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